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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/699,446  
Applicant : Jitendra Balakrishnan, et al  
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Title : Method and Apparatus For Depositing Glass Soot

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 20, 2006, in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions.

Group I. Claims 1 – 14, drawn to a method of making an optical fiber, classified in class 65, subclass 421 and

Group II. Claims 15 & 16, drawn to an apparatus for depositing soot, classified in class 65, subclass 531.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 (eight) of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.